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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 13-15, and 17 have been amended to clarify the present invention. Claims 4, 8-9, 16, 20, and 21 have been amended to have the terminology consistent with the antecedent bases provided in claims from which these claims depend.

The support for the amendments regarding a method comprising the computer system, the legacy processing system, and the non-legacy processing system is at Specification page 4, lines 23-28:

"The present invention relates to an overall system (not shown) which consists of three basic systems. First, is the computer system in which the program of the present invention operates. Second, is the legacy processing system, such as a programming system, which is on-line with the computer. And third, is the new processing system, such as a programmer/feeder system, which is generally off-line or generally operates independently from the computer system."

The support for the amendments regarding a method comprising the legacy processing system and the non-legacy processing system start at Specification page 6, lines 28-31:

"Referring now to FIGs. 3A-3C, therein is shown the legacy and related system processing in the "Program Microdevices" block 52 in FIG. 2. Generally in these systems, the computer on which the TaskLink program resides is directly connected to the programming system by a local area network, such as Ethernet."

The support for the amendments regarding a method comprising the non-legacy processing system start at Specification page 8, line 30, through page 9, line 1:

"Referring now to FIGs. 4A-4B, therein is shown the programming for a programming system, such as a programmer/feeder system, in the "Process Microdevices" block 52 in FIG. 2. Generally in these systems, the computer system on which the TaskLink program resides is not directly connected to control the programmer/feeder system and is connected to provide and receive information periodically to and from the programmer/feeder system."

No new matter has been added.

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Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested. Allowance of claims 1-25 at an early date is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0374 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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